

SACRED CONCERT GIVEN FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Large Audience Hears Program of Classic Music at City Auditorium.

\$149.00 TAKEN IN COLLECTION

Recent Reports to Commissioner Boykin Show Acute Need of Starving People in War Zone—Virginia Fund Now Exceeds \$90,000.

Approximately 2,000 people attended the sacred concert given yesterday afternoon in the City Auditorium for the relief of the stricken and starving Belgians, and \$149.00 in cash contributions was collected. Professor W. Henry Baker, under whose direction the concert was given, said that he was greatly pleased with the response, and Colonel H. M. Boykin, chairman of the Virginia State Belgian Relief Commission, and George W. Rogers, chairman of the Richmond executive committee, were equally gratified that the effort had been so successful.

The concert itself gave a pleasing respect of what Richmond can afford in the way of musical treats, of music that may be appreciated by layman as well as by critic. There were more local professional musicians gathered on the stage than at any other one time before in the musical history of Richmond, and they threw themselves into the endeavor with such a largesse of heart and soul and with so much stirring effect that, momentarily forgetful that appreciation may be shown as deeply by silence as by clamor, the crowd applauded again and again.

AUDIENCE APPLAUDS

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GENERAL RESPONSE

Ten men, at the call of Chairman Rogers, took up the collection. There was one two-dollar bill in the return, many dollars in silver and paper, half-dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. One lady who, we were told, was anxious when the collection was started, said that he had given all he had, five pennies, and he noticed with great interest that the pennies, ninety-eight cents, were all gone. "It is the power of music, though I do not doubt that much would have been given if not a note had been played. Richmond has ever been generous to those who have been given to the cause of the Belgians, and there was instant response to his call for collectors. Men responded with their hats, and within fifteen minutes a sum which Professor Baker and the members of the Symphony Orchestra considered reward enough for their labor was taken up.

ACUTE NEED IS DESCRIBED BY BOYKIN

Colonel Boykin thanked the audience for its liberality, saying that while there is no lack of food in this country, there is a lack of food in Belgium. He said that the situation is remarkable in history in that it is the first time in modern annals that a whole nation has been left destitute and homeless. "It is one thing," he said, "to die on the battle front, where one has for his inspiration all the excitement and glamour of war, but it is an entirely different thing to die of starvation, starvation that is as cruel as death. It is unnecessary. There are millions facing starvation in devastated Belgium. Many, perhaps, have means with which to buy food, but there is no food for them to buy. Starvation is staring them in the face. Belgium has sounded the 'S. O. S.' call for help, and Richmond is responding with her usual liberality and noble charity. Through the efforts of the noble women of this city there was raised on Belgium Tag Day \$4,584.64, and now we have more than \$90,000 raised in Richmond alone. It is as gratifying to the commission as it is to you who have so largely helped."

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE AIDED IN CONCERT

Special thanks were given to the musicians who had given of their time and talent to the cause of the Belgians. They played and sang the need of Belgium, and every string in the orchestra, every voice that sang, throbbled with the appeal that has come to our ears and touched American hearts. Only a musical critic could do justice to the concert. But a layman could appreciate it, and laymen did. Upon few occasions has there been a volume of musical sound swept through the City Auditorium, and none of these was ever more enjoyed. Congratulations were showered upon Professor Baker and upon all those who worked with him in his musical appeal for a Belgian offering. After two numbers had been played by the Symphony Orchestra, Mrs. George Bethell sang her way into the hearts of the people, and then came Mr. Whittemore, Mr. Bailey, P. Shiff, whose songs were equally as powerful in their effect. Then, after the collection, the orchestra played a symphony in D minor, and the audience, though it was a long one, was not dissatisfied and passed out with a thought of Belgium in its hearts. The members of the orchestra were as follows:

MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER BELGIAN RELIEF ORCHESTRA

W. Henry Baker, conductor.
Violins—Joseph C. Kesslich, director.
Kesslich's Band; Otto Wald, director.
Empire Theatre; J. N. Kaufman, director.
Murphy's Hotel; Benjamin Klammer, director.
Hou Theatre; George Ryall, director.
Richmond Hotel; J. C. Reinhardt, director.
Academy of Music; Jay Donahue, Virginia Conservatory.
Miss Beryl Ferguson, Mr. Runge, Richmond Hotel; J. H. Reinhardt, the Corcoran Company.
Friedrich, Philharmonic Orchestra; William Newman, Philharmonic Orchestra; James Whitte, Philharmonic Orchestra.
Viola—O. A. Thillow, director.
Thillow's Orchestra.
Violoncello—Hyde Grant, Empire Theatre.
Bartruce, Rueger's Hotel.

WILL CO-OPERATE EFFORTS OF CHARITIES

Clearing-House Proposed to Avoid Duplication and Waste Among Organizations.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

Three Delegates to Be Sent From Richmond to Woman's Welfare Department of National Civic Federation—Committees to Report.

The latest report received by the American Committee for Relief in Belgium is a dispatch saying that Belgium is without food, and that there is only a three days' supply of flour in Antwerp. The inhabitants of the country are depending on the food sent solely on the initiative of food by the American commission. Conditions are worse in Louvain, and it is said that the inhabitants are actually starving.

CORNELL AND OTHER CREWS WANT SHORT ROWING COURSE

Three Miles the Most Favored—Princeton Likely to Enter Events If Distance Is Reduced.

ITHACA, N. Y., November 29.—Cornell's agitation for the three-mile varsity crew race instead of the present four-mile event seems about to bear fruit. The stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, composed of Cornell, Columbia and University of Pennsylvania, are known to favor the shorter race, although they have not publicly committed themselves. It is likely that the big race at Poughkeepsie next June will be for three miles. Following the regatta at Poughkeepsie in 1913, the stewards concluded to cut the length of the "Varsity" race to three miles and to change the four-oared event to a race for junior eights.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Promptly opposed this change, and ever since has stood out against a three-mile race. The substitution of the junior eight event for the four-oared and became effective last season, the four-oared race going by the boards. In respect to the University of Pennsylvania, the change was not made. To table the resolution, which was the big race until this year, but with the intention that it would be pushed through some time this winter. Vivian, the rowing coach at the University of Pennsylvania, who made such a surprising showing in the regatta last June, when the Quaker eight beat Cornell, and finished second to Columbia, is unalterably opposed to the change. But Coach Charles E. Courtney, of the Cornell squad, and Coach James C. Rice, of Columbia, are heartily in favor of a shorter race. It is the rowing authorities back of these two college coaches will be determining factors when the question comes up for final solution before the stewards.

An interesting feature which will arise in the event that the Varsity race is shortened to a three-mile contest is a course which will be pursued by the rowers. Since rowing was re-established at that college, efforts have been made to induce the Tigers to enter one of the big regattas. Princeton, however, has no four-mile course, and would not train for a four-mile race, but it is understood that they would be willing to enter three-mile regattas. Which of the two important regattas the Tigers would select is in doubt. There is no question that they would be glad to take the regatta at Poughkeepsie to take Wisconsin's place, but the general opinion seems to prevail that they would rather throw their fortunes in with Yale and Harvard.

Prisoner Goes Out for Walk

Walter Bethell, fifteen years old, who is being detained at the Juvenile Detention Home by the juvenile authorities, yesterday afternoon decided that he was in the institution too dull and monotonous for him, so he calmly walked out. His disappearance was discovered soon after, and a general alarm was sent out to the force to keep a lookout for the young man. The precaution was unnecessary. The fifteen-year-old boy, however, had left the home and sought admission. He said that he had been taken out of the home and seemed to be unconscious of the fact that he was being detained by the police, and was not at liberty to go and come as he pleased.

Sisk-Gregory

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 29.—Announcement has just been made here at the parsonage of Court Street Methodist Church of J. S. Sisk and Mrs. J. B. Gregory, both of Austinville, Va. Dr. J. W. Latham performed the ceremony.

The Weather

Forecast: Virginia—Cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably occasional rain; North Carolina—Rain Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy.

Local Temperature Yesterday.	52
12 P. M. temperature.	58
8 P. M. temperature.	58
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.	58
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.	45
Mean temperature.	45
Normal temperature.	45
Excess in temperature yesterday.	13
Deficiency in temperature since March 1.	240
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1.	261

Local Rainfall Yesterday.

Rainfall last twelve hours. . . .None
Rainfall last twenty-four hours. . . .0.1
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1. . . .11.21
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1. . . .10.41

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday

Temperature, 54; humidity, 92; wind, direction, northeast; wind, velocity, 12; weather, cloudy.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)	
Thompson's Hotel, T. L. Weather.	
Asheville.	48
Atlanta.	54
Baltimore.	48
Boston.	42
Buffalo.	42
Charlotte.	26
Chicago.	50
Cincinnati.	48
Cleveland.	40
Galveston.	58
Hartford.	44
Havana.	64
Hayes.	68
Jacksonville.	68
Kansas City.	52
Louisville.	48
Montgomery.	60
New Orleans.	62
New York.	48
Norfolk.	58
Oklahoma.	50
Philadelphia.	50
Raleigh.	60
St. Louis.	54
St. Paul.	48
San Francisco.	54
Spokane.	28
Washington.	68
Winnipeg.	44
Wynfield.	46

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises. . . .7:06 Morning. . . .2:29
Sun sets. . . .4:51 Evening. . . .3:14

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WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

Three Delegates to Be Sent From Richmond to Woman's Welfare Department of National Civic Federation—Committees to Report.

While a large number of civic, philanthropic and charitable organizations exist in Virginia, and especially in Richmond, much of their efficiency is lost through lack of co-operation. They interfere and duplicate each other's work. A central body or bureau with a membership made up of representatives from all societies and clubs having like interests is greatly desired by many active workers, so that no effort put forth to raise industrial and ethical standards in the community shall be lost.

To this end three of Richmond's most prominent women will go as delegates to New York this week to attend the eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Welfare Department of the National Civic Federation, which will be held Thursday at the Colony Club, 129 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The delegates are Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, who is in charge of the Virginia section chairman; Mrs. James Branch Cabell and Mrs. A. W. Patterson, treasurer.

WILL REPORT ON CONDITIONS

The special work to be reported by the Virginia delegates will be the conditions under which girls and women are working in the industrial field, and the agricultural problem offered by the State in regard to women's labor.

THE CIVIC BULLETIN, ISSUED BY THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, SETS FORTH IN A RECENT ISSUE THE GROUND COVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

The women's department is governed by the fundamental principles of the National Civic Federation, favoring neither the employer nor the employee, and looking upon neither of them as a privileged class. The department should be especially looked after. Standing on this neutral ground, it works first for the one, then for the other, but always for the good of both. The Civic Federation counts hundreds of employers among its membership. The representatives of the big labor unions are among its most ardent supporters. It is with the credentials of both these forces that the Women's Department gains admission to places where the interests of women and children are at stake.

MANY COMMITTEES

There are several committees, among which is a committee of social workers, which looks after prisoners, jails and police stations and conditions in the post offices, where, in the mail division, the deadly rate from tuberculosis is 33 per cent. The committee on buildings point out certain omissions on finished plans which will interfere with the efficiency of the working force.

The vacation committee induces girls to save their quarters and dimes for real summer vacations and investigates boarding-houses which can be recommended to the girls as perfectly reliable. One branch of the vacation committee, a society for the prevention of useless giving, the "spugs," is that prevalent in the city, where the employees, at Christmas time, present the head of their department with a gift which most of them can ill afford to make.

SAVE TIME AVOIDING DUPLICATION

New committees are formed in sections of the country according to its needs, with the consent of the national federation. The Bulletin further states: "An organization national in scope must bring infinitely more weight to bear in public opinion than a local one, which too often, alas, is divided into warring factions. A section, however, of a national movement, can gather on its executive committee the heads of the various organizations and committees in town, and can act as a clearing-house, often saving time and money by avoiding the duplication of work."

This is the phase of local work which Mrs. Hodges expects to undertake immediately after the national federation meeting. Leaders in sociological work in Richmond will be asked to confer with the idea of increasing the membership for the Virginia and West Virginia section.

In the report for last year, when all the sections throughout the country were indicating progress and increasing membership, the negative report was made for Virginia and West Virginia: "A growing interest in welfare work throughout these States is reported, but no increase in membership, as the advantages derived from a national organization are not yet understood."

The women who go to New York from the Old Dominion are very anxious by another session to be able to report a membership up from every welfare organization in the State.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was the honorary chairman of the Woman's Department. The chairman is Miss Maude Wetmore, of Rhode Island; secretary, Mrs. Roger H. Beaton, New York City, and treasurer, Miss Anne Morgan.

The Woman's Department, following its own annual meeting, will attend that of the Men's Department of the National Civic Federation, which will convene at the Hotel Astor, Friday and Saturday.

THE OTHER OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA SECTION OF THE WOMAN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE: Mrs. T. A. Cary, secretary; Mrs. B. H. Ellington, chairman industrial employees, and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Elkins, W. Va., vice-chairman.

YOUNG MAN'S BODY FOUND ON RAILROAD TRACKS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LA CROIX, Vt., November 28.—James R. Miller, a white man about twenty years of age, was found dead on the Seaboard Air Line Railway tracks one mile south of the town of La Croix, where he was found on the morning of Friday. A traveler on the Southern Railway, who was near a public road crossing in front of the home of J. J. Williams, with whom he had been boarding since last May. There were a few bruises about his head and two scars on his face. A small spot of blood was found about twenty feet from the body. A coroner's jury was called, and will make a report to-morrow. Mr. Williams said that Miller left his home about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

HIGHLY BORN—WHITEHEAD.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 29.—Miss Marie E. Whitehead and W. L. Higgins, both of Nelson County, were married here on Saturday afternoon at College Hill Baptist Church. Rev. H. C. Ayres officiated. They will live at Bryant, Va.

NORTHERN SUBURBS SEEK BETTER CAR SERVICE

May Band Together to Protect Their Interests in Franchise Discussion.

WILL ASK FOR ALL-NIGHT CAR

Car Development Has Been East and West to Injury of Those Living North and South, Property Owners Claim.

Plans for a definite organization of citizens and property owners in the newly annexed section of the city north of Bacon's Quarter Branch to consider the problems of street car service will shortly be announced. Preliminary conferences have been held between representative men of Ginter Park, Highland Park, Barton Heights and North Richmond, and a call for a general meeting is expected to be issued shortly. The move, it is stated, is not antagonistic to the Virginia Railway and Power Company, but is intended to place this section of the city in a position to protect its interests in the discussion of the proposed new franchise which the street railway company is seeking.

The area embraced in the four towns recently annexed and the intervening territory, all of which is now part of the city, already has a large population, the people, many of whom own their own homes, and with the improvements which will follow annexation, it is expected to have a large growth in the next few years. Looking forward thirty years—the proposed period of the franchise—it is not inconceivable that the section north of the ravine may embrace one of the largest and most thickly settled residential sections of the city.

CLAIM THAT PRESENT LINES ARE INDIRECT AND INADEQUATE

This area, embracing many square miles, and already with a large population, is now served by two single-track car lines, the Highland Park line, which crosses the Fifth Street viaduct, and the line out North First Street, which, after wandering through Barton Heights and North Richmond, makes way through other suburbs by an indirect route to Ginter Park, and thence by Joseph Bryan Park to Lakeside.

Those behind the movement claim that they are not unreasonable or arbitrary in their demands. They do not now expect a first-class double-track car service to every suburb, but they do want to see that the franchise properly laid out will be in a position to require the construction or double tracking of such lines as may be necessary to serve the community.

In other words, that the car system must grow with the advance of the population. The suggested franchise submitted by the company makes a rearrangement of the lines within the lines within the old corporate limits by nothing the Richmond and Henrico Company out Fifth to Baker Street, a change that is not objectionable, and which will require every requirement of good service.

WANT FAIR GROUNDS LINE EXTENDED

It is with the track conditions, routes and schedules beyond the viaducts that the citizens of the Northside will interest themselves. The situation in Ginter Park is only partly relieved by the rapid transit service of the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay railway. The infrequent schedule and the failure to connect with other lines, however, results in the greater number of people in this suburb having to lose time on their daily trips to Richmond while the street car winds about the narrow streets of the suburbs before coming into the heart of the city.

The company says nothing in its pending application of a plan submitted two years ago and obstructed by the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County of extending the present Fair Grounds line along the Boulevard and the road bridge to the A. P. Hill monument and thence to Joseph Bryan Park and Lakeside, thus giving to the Hermitage Road section direct car service in half the time and distance now occupied. While perhaps the line is not yet ripe, it is the hope of Ginter Park that it may one day have a line down Chamberlayne Avenue directly into the city, thus leaving the Boulevard Heights line to give direct service to the suburban North Richmond and the section lying directly beyond.

WOULD HAVE DEFINITE PLAN FOR FUTURE EXTENSIONS

In connection with the Mayor's city planning ideas, it has been suggested that competent traction experts and engineers be retained by the city to map out the logical line of travel—the routes from one section of the city to another—over which people would naturally wish to go, and to draw the proposed new franchise accordingly, the new lines so outlined to be constructed only when the City Council is inclined of their need to meet the requirements of the franchise company in accepting the franchise binding itself to build such additional routes when required, as a part of its payment to the city for the general franchise.

The immediate desire of the Northside citizens, however, is for an all-night service. Three "owl car" services are now maintained from the extreme eastern end of the city to the West End, but there is no all-night service north and south. With the constantly increasing number of night workers in railway and other employments, the demand is constantly growing.

WANT NORTH AND SOUTH "OWL" CAR

The company claims that none of the "owl" cars pay, but that they are operated at a loss because of franchise requirements. As a condition precedent to a new franchise, therefore, many night workers in Barton Heights, Ginter Park and in South Richmond are banding together in a petition to the Council to include in the franchise a requirement that an all-night car be operated from the Chamberlayne to Layne Avenue, in Ginter Park, to Lakeside, at intervals of an hour or an hour and a half. One car, it is claimed, could readily meet this demand for an all-night service from the extreme northern section of the city to its extreme southern boundaries. The fact that the city has in recent years grown mainly east and west is said to be due to the excellence of the car service in that direction, and those interested in expanding the development of the city north and south are now planning to bring their views for better cross-town service before the City Council before any new franchise is voted upon.

Negro Bellboys Arrested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 29.—Three negro bellboys were arrested here to-day for selling and drinking liquor in two local hotels. The police have been trying for some time to locate the bellboys, and believe they were successful to-day.

ASK SCHOOL BOARD TO NAME LUNCH COMMITTEE

Remarkable Results Obtained in Experiment at Jefferson Public School.

EXACT DATA BEING COMPILED

Well-Defined Relationship Demonstrated Between Nutrition and Scholarship and Department, Later Improving as Nutrition Improves.

There is a well-defined relationship between nutrition and scholarship and department, the latter improving as nutrition improves. The physical well-being of school children in the grammar grades is influenced to a marked degree by the quality of the luncheon they eat during the school day. In the opinion of Dr. N. Thoma, a medical inspector of the city schools, the pupils of Jefferson Public School, who, with the assistance of J. H. Jonesoff and a small group of private citizens, has been supplying the pupils of that school with a midday luncheon for the past three weeks. The number of bad pupils during the last week, and an accurate tabulation of the results is now in progress.

ALL PUPILS GIVEN PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

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POPE PERFORMS CEREMONY

Solemnizes Marriage in Fulfillment of Promise Made While Archbishop.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROME, November 29.—Pope Benedict XV, in person solemnized to-day the marriage of Prince Ruffo della Scialoja, and the Countess Gabriella Bacci, in fulfillment of a promise he made while still Archbishop of Bologna. This is the first time a Pope has personally officiated at a marriage since Pius IX, married Alfonso Bourbon, Count of Caserta, to the daughter of Count Trapani in 1869.

BAPTIST CHURCH AT CREVE DESTROYED BY FIRE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CREVE, Va., November 29.—The Baptist Church here burned down this afternoon. It is believed that it caught from the furnace, as the fire was well under way before it was discovered. A new Sunday school room, costing \$3,000, had just been added to the main building. The loss of their church and handsome pipe organ is a hard blow to the church. Captain R. B. Alston's house, adjoining the church, was also burned.

Visit Troops on Firing Line.

VERDUN, November 29 (via Paris, 3:55 P. M.).—President Poincaré, Premier Viviani and the speakers of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies yesterday visited the troops along the firing line in the Argonne district.

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"The menus were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Vegetable soup, luncheon was demanded more by the children than any other single article served." A report setting forth the results of the experiment was made yesterday by Mr. Blakey to Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools. It will be laid before the School Board to be considered by it in connection with the recommendation that a general lunch committee be appointed.

An itemized statement accompanied Mr. Blakey's statement to Dr. Chandler, showing the variation in meal from day to day. The bean soup, bread and apple luncheon served on November 5, to 163 children, cost only 166-100 of an apple, butter, salt and sugar. The height of extravagance was reached on November 2, when 162 children enjoyed a menu of peanut butter, apple, butter, salt and sugar, and gingerbread cakes. This combination set the managers back 32-100 for each center.